



Sunny Start Social Emotional Committee Meeting Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 10:00 – 12:00

Location:

ISDH 8A

Participants:

Steve Viehweg, Angela Tomlin, Lynne Sturm, Janice Katz, Azar Hadadian, Anita Allison, Janet Deahl, Judith Ganser, Andrea Wilkes, Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster

Summary of meeting:**Financial Fact Sheets**

Information was given to the committee on fact sheets that are available, there are 4 more that are not in final form but will be completed and posted to the Early Childhood Meeting Place by the end of the month. The document that lists all of the fact sheets was given to the participants as part of their packet.

The Commonwealth Fund

Kevin Moore from the Department of Mental Health and Addictions (DMHA) will be scheduling meeting with Dr. Russ Lyman from the Commonwealth Fund and key stakeholders. Dr. Lyman will be looking to see what Indiana is doing in the area of social-emotional screening for young children and the status of infant and toddler mental health programs in the state.

Project Launch Update

This year SAMSHA will be funding 12 states (850K per year for 4 years) and Indiana is applying again this year. This time ISDH is partnering with the United Way of Central Indiana and is proposing that we replicate Connecticut's "Help Me Grow Project". If this is funded it will mean many big things for Indiana. The grant is due on May 20th; Andrea will keep the committee posted on the status of the application.

Other Updates

On April 20th, the Indiana AAP brought pediatric practices from throughout the state together to discuss implementing developmental screening into their practices. There were about a dozen teams there who received resources to apply for small funding to buy the Ages and Stages and suggestions for implementing the testing into their practice.

Angie Tomlin announced that DMHA is looking for a definition of severe emotional disturbance for the zero to three population. This will help determine the level of care and types of services that they can provide for this age group. The C.A.N.S. will be the screening tool of preference.

August 14 will be the next annual Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health Conference; please mark your calendar. Stacy Ryan is the coordinator.

The State of Infant Mental Health in Indiana Paper

Steve Viehweg and Angie Tomlin explained that the purpose of the document was to look at where we were and where we are now in the area of Infant and Toddler Mental Health in Indiana. The purpose of doing this is to help for future planning and to be used by groups in grant preparation as they can pull information from it. The group was asked to review the document and recommend changes/additions. A summary of that discussion is listed below:

- Page 8 - Change Merrillville to Michigan City
- All editing changes should be submitted to Angela Tomlin at atomlin@iupui.edu
- Angie will put information on the Behavioral Plan that was developed but not implemented into the document.
- Angie will also add the following to page 11 – “A review of the on-line matrix indicates that _____
- Clarify that First Steps is our Part C program and that the Inter Agency Coordinating Council is part of First Steps by calling it the First Steps Inter Agency Coordinating Council
- Add some questions at the end that ask the reader “Who should this document be shared with and what are some of the challenges and opportunities.
- Lynne Sturm asked if it would be appropriate to submit this document to some national journals. The group thought that it might be better to make a presentation from it that can be shared with a variety of groups.
- The introduction should be expanded to include some web-links (i.e. where individuals can find the competencies, etc)
- All changes will be made by the end of the month and the document will be sent via e-mail back to the group for comment.

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The group reviewed the document quickly and decided that due to time constraints they will get more specific on these items at the next meeting.

Closing, Follow Up

The updated State of Infant Mental Health in Indiana paper will be updated and sent to the committee for comment by early June.

The committee will meet soon (probably in August) to discuss activities for the upcoming year(s)